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ALLOY CONTAINING RARE EARTH ELEMENT, PRODUCTION METHOD

THEREOF, MAGNETOSTRICTIVE DEVICE, AND MAGNETIC REFRIGERANT

MATERIAL

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2009, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.